

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/601,367

Examiner

Raleigh Chiu

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to response received 05 November 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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CLAIMS

1. (original) A leg positioning and training device for golfers, said device comprising:

a platform comprising a top surface and a bottom surface;

a foot base plate rotatably mounted to said top surface of said platform;

an ankle support attached to said foot base plate, said ankle support comprising a segment extending upwardly from said foot base plate, said segment of said ankle support being angularly adjustable with respect to a plane substantially normal to said top surface of said platform;

a strain gauge operatively attached to said segment of said ankle support whereby force applied to said segment of said ankle support may be detected; and,

an indicator operatively connected to said strain gauge, said indicator being disposed on said top surface of said platform such that said indicator is visible to a user of said device, whereby an indication of force applied to said segment of said ankle support by the user may be observed.

2. (original) A device as in claim 1 wherein said segment of said ankle support comprises an inner surface and an outer surface, said strain gauge being disposed on said outer surface

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of said segment of said ankle support whereby said strain gauge detects force applied to said inner surface of said segment of said ankle support.

3. (original) A device as in claim 2 further comprising a foot base plate lock disposed on said top surface of said platform in engaging relation to said foot base plate, whereby said foot base plate may be fixed to prevent rotation thereof with respect to said top surface of said platform.

4. (original) A device as in claim 3 wherein said foot base plate lock is releaseable.

5. (original) A device as in claim 4 wherein said platform is a rectangle.

6. (original) A device as in claim 5 further comprising at least one aperture formed through said platform in spaced apart relation to an edge of said rectangle.

7. (original) A device as in claim 5 wherein said foot base plate is mounted to said top surface of said platform substantially adjacent one of the shorter sides of said rectangle.

8. (cancelled).

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The amendment to the claims filed 05 November 2004 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.121 and 1.126 and has not been entered. For the purposes of advancing the prosecution of the application, the claims listed above will replace all prior claims in the application.

Applicant is reminded that **the text of each pending claim** must be presented. That is to say, the text of all pending claims, including claims not being currently amended, must be presented in the claim listing in clean version, i.e., without any markings. Also, see Final Rule: Changes to Implement Electronic Maintenance of Official Patent Application Records (68 Fed. Reg. 38611 (30 June 2003)), posted on the Office's website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/ifw/> with related information. Applicant is also suggested to review MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/offic_e-flyer.pdf for further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

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1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

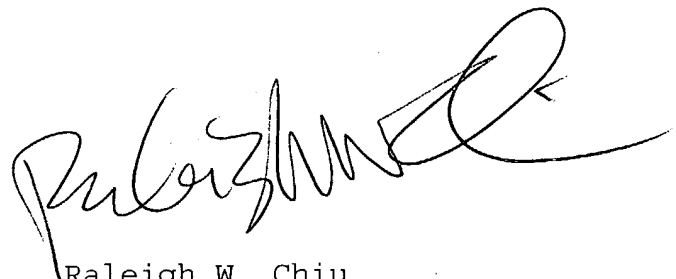
Claim 8 has been cancelled as per applicant's intent.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raleigh Chiu whose telephone number is (571) 272-4408. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Vidovich, can be reached on (571) 272-4415.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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